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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, IN, US

SUBJECT: TARAPUR FUEL

1. AEC CHAIRMAN RAY WILL HEAD U.S. DELEGATION TO IAEA
GENERAL CONFERENCE IN VIENNA COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 16. SHE
AND FRIEDMAN PLAN MEET WITH INDIAN AEC CHAIRMAN SETHNA IN
VIENNA AND GIVE HIM FOLLOWING LETTER IN DRAFT FORM:

DEAR DR. SETHNA:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JULY 10 RESPONDING TO MINE OF
JUNE 19 CONCERNING SHIPMENTS OF ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL AND
OTHER MATERIAL TO THE TARAPUR ATOMIC POWER STATION.

YOUR RESPONSE LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE MADE
SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR THE NATURE OF THE ASSURANCE WE NEED.

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WHAT WE ASK IS SIMPLY WRITTEN ASSURANCE FROM YOUR GOVERN-

MENT THAT THE SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL THAT HAS BEEN, OR IS HEREAFTER MADE AVAILABLE FOR, OR USED OR PRODUCED IN, THE TARAPUR ATOMIC POWER STATION WILL BE DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE NEEDS OF THAT STATION UNLESS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HEREAFTER SPECIFICALLY AGREE THAT SUCH MATERIAL BE USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU ON THIS IN ORDER THAT WE MAY PROMPTLY PROCEED WITH FURTHER SHIPMENTS.

SINCERELY, DIXY LEE RAY.

2. SETHNA WOULD BE REQUESTED TO REPLY IN DRAFT, GIVING THE ASSURANCES WE SEEK. IF INDIAN RESPONSE SATISFACTORY, THE LETTERS WILL THEN BE EXCHANGED FORMALLY. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE INDIAN LETTER ACCEPTING OUR POSITION, CHAIRMAN RAY WOULD THEN SEND A LETTER TO DR. SETHNA ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

DR. DR. SETHNA:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 1974, CONFIRMING THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT SHARES WITH MY GOVERNMENT A COMMON UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL MADE AVAILABLE FOR, OR USED OR PRODUCED IN, THE TARAPUR NUCLEAR POWER STATION.

I MIGHT ADD THAT IN THE EVENT YOUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD FIND IT DESIRABLE TO UTILIZE NUCLEAR MATERIAL COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION FOR SOME APPROPRIATE USE OTHER THAN THE FUEL CYCLE NEED OF THE TARAPUR NUCLEAR POWER STATION, MY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE PROMPT AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO ANY SUCH REQUEST. I SHOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IN NO EVENT WOULD MY GOVERNMENT GIVE ITS NECESSARY AGREEMENT TO ANY PROPOSAL INVOLVING USE OF SUCH MATERIAL FOR A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.

SINCERELY, DIXY LEE RAY.

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3. WE ARE INFORMING INDIAN EMBASSY HERE OF THE DRAFT LETTER WE PROPOSE IN PARA 1 ABOVE AND OF DR. RAY'S INTENTION TO PRESENT IT TO SETHNA IN VIENNA. YOU SHOULD DO THE SAME WITH APPROPRIATE CONTACTS GOI.

4. DR. RAY DOES NOT, HOWEVER, INTEND GIVE SETHNA DRAFT OF FOLLOW-ON LETTER WE PROPOSE IN PARA 2 ABOVE, BUT WILL INDICATE TO HIM THAT HE CAN EXPECT LETTER OF THIS KIND.

TEXT OF FOLLOW-ON LETTER HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED FINALLY BY
ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND THEREFORE MAY BE SUBJECT TO
SOME REVISIONS. KISSINGER

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